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Buzzard Hall broken into, damaged

By Jarad Jarmon Managing Editor | @JJarmonReporter

A Downers Grove man was arrested and charged with four criminal offenses at 2:05 a.m. Saturday in connection with a break-in at Buzzard Hall.

Robert Martin, 20, was charged with criminal damage of a fire-fighting apparatus, criminal damage to government property, criminal trespass, and consumption of liquor by a minor.

He was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 4:10 a.m. pending court appearance to determine bond, according to University Police Department criminal blotter.

One of the doors on the north entrance as well as one of the doors and multiple windows on the northeast entrance facing Ninth Street were damaged in the break-in. One of the windows on the door of Room 1211 in the building were also damaged. The windows at the entrance to the office of the Special Education Department were also smashed.

The smashed windows have been temporarily replaced with wooden panels.

A fire extinguisher was used to create a few dents to the walls of the mailbox-xerox room and Special Education Professor Kathryn Hovercroft's office.

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The Buzzard Hall northeast entrance facing Ninth Street was damaged during a break-in Saturday. The east entrance facing the Doudna Fine Arts Center was also damaged along with a couple of rooms including the Special Education Department office which sustained dents in the walls of the office.

City Council changes bar hours for trial period

By Cassie Buchman City Editor | @DEN\_News

Several new ordinances regarding alcohol licenses and bar hours of operation were approved at the Charleston City Council meeting Tuesday.

Bar establishments will now be required to be open 10 hours a week in order for their liquor license to be renewed, which is to be measured over a 12-week period.

This ordinance, along with other ordinances regarding alcohol, was placed on file for public inspection at the last city council meeting.

Mayor Larry Rennels spoke with seven different liquor license owners, along with Student Standards

and Health Services, other university organizations, and the Illinois State Liquor Commission.

Rennels said the intent behind the ordinance was to keep people from having the license if they were not using it.

"The liquor license is a privilege," said Rennels. "And in most cases, if you don't use a privilege, you lose it."

Another intent was to allow other businesses to use the liquor license if another establishment is not using it.

The ordinance originally made it so establishments needed to be open 15 hours a week.

Rennels proposed to change the requirement after speaking to some

liquor license holders. The change to 10 hours a week was established to help businesses that might have trouble having longer hours.

"We would do the same thing we wanted to do, but it wouldn't be a burden (on businesses) that aren't open every day," Rennels said.

Also passed was a new ordinance of a trial run to lengthen the bar's hours of operation by an hour.

This trial will allow bars to open until 2 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

It will automatically revert back to the regular hours on Aug. 1.

"This will give us time to evaluate and see if (the longer hours) has served its purpose," Rennels said.

Reasons for this is to keep peo-

ple from congregating in the parking lots of bars when they closed, to see if it will have an impact on reducing after-hour house parties.

Another reason is to encourage people to stay in Charleston as opposed to going to other towns with longer bar hours.

In order to reduce house parties, a proposal was passed to stop the selling of packaged liquors at 1 a.m., which Rennels discussed with bar and liquor store owners.

Another significant change is requiring any bar employee in charge of checking ID cards or serving alcohol, to pass an alcohol-training program.

The ordinance was changed from employees needing 30 days of

training to 60. The training is available online.

Rennels is considering the possibility of having members of the Charleston Police Department deliver the training to liquor license holders and their employees.

He will also try to make the training under a free or reduced charge.

Council members also voted on determining the maximum number of liquor licenses themselves, rather than basing it on the census.

Current code states the number of licenses available increases with the census, whenever a new one is provided.

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Open forums to showcase presidential candidates

By Debby Hernandez Associate News Editor | @DEN\_News

The four final candidates for Eastern's presidential position will come to campus to speak to the university and Charleston communities, and to take questions and comments during the open forums.

The four presidential candidates will visit campus accordingly: Margaret Madden will visit campus on Wednesday, David Glassman on

Thursday, Sam Minner on Friday of this week, and Guiyou Huang Jan. 28.

Open forums for faculty will take place from and 9:30 a.m. until 10:20 a.m., staff sessions will take place from 10:30 a.m. until 11:20 a.m., and forums for both faculty and staff will take place from 3 p.m. until 3:50 p.m.

Open sessions for students will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m., and campus and community forums will take place from 4 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

All forums will take place in the Arcola-Tuscula Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The EIU Presidential Search Advisory Committee invited all four candidates to attend the interviews as part of the process, and encouraged everyone to participate.

Grant Sterling, the president of Faculty Senate, said this university presidential appointment is going to be one of the most important in Eastern's history because of its financial

situation.

He said academics are a main topic of concern for many faculty members.

"The perception among (some) faculty is (that) we need new leadership on how the university values academics," Sterling said.

Staff Senate President Christina Edwards said it is important for everyone to take their time to listen to candidates and state their opinions.

Staff members have been stay-

ing informed as well as attended forums during the presidential consultative visit, Edwards said.

Student Body President Reginald Thedford said a list serve email was sent to all RSO executives to inform them about the presidential candidate forums.

He also said Student Senate discussed the importance of attending the forums during their executive meeting.

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Regime Billingsly, a junior athletic training major, explains the sign up sheet for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority to Sarah Ampadu, a senior health studies major, at Pantherpalooza in the South Quad on Aug. 27, 2014.

# RSOs offer involvement opportunities

By Debby Hernandez

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Registered student organizations – from academic and greek to service and political – will gather to encourage students to get involved at Eastern during Pantherpalooza Wednesday.

The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Senate, with its co-sponsors University Board and the Union Bookstore, will present Pantherpalooza with this spring's Winter Wonderfest theme.

Yazmin Rodriguez, the vice president for student affairs, said about 90 registered student organizations will attend.

"We want to aim it toward transfer students and freshmen this semester so they can get involved," she said.

Rodriguez said other students could also benefit from attending.

"Students (should) see what other RSOs are out there and find connections elsewhere not just in (organizations) they are probably already involved in," she said.

The senate members will be handing out tickets to students for a raffle.

Prizes will be Eastern items provided by the bookstore, and members of the senate will announce

winners during the event.

RSOs who signed up early for Pantherpalooza will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a pizza party provided by senate members.

Only one RSO will win the pizza party.

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# Church to sponsor Spring Break program

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For more than 20 years, the Newman Catholic Center has sponsored the Alternative Spring Break program, which is designed to allow students a chance to visit various locations each Spring Break while helping those who may be less fortunate.

There will also be an informational meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Newman Catholic Center.

Doris Nordin, a campus minister, said this Spring Break those in the program will be visiting nine sites compared to last year's 12.

"You gain so much relationship skills, a different vision of the world, new friends and it's fun; it's a fun week," Nordin said.

Nordin said the cost to attend Alternative Spring Break is \$200, but if students apply before Feb. 2, the price is reduced to \$175.

So far, 20 students have signed up for this year's program and more than 90 register each year.

Nordin said two sites would be for Habitat for Humanity, one in Mississippi, and another in Tennessee. She said one of the sites students will get to visit is in Kentucky called the Christian Appalachian project where they will be promoting self-help and dignity.

"You are building a future for somebody else," Nordin said.

She added she admires students

who are older and take the time to participate in a program like this because it involves some stepping out of their comfort zones.

There will also be two project sites where students will be allowed to work with children and two more allowing them to assist those with mental disabilities.

"Some students want to work with their hands, but someone's presence helps," Nordin said. "It's very powerful just being with them and spending time with them."

One of the projects students will be able to visit will be in Louisiana providing services to people with AIDs who can no longer live on their own or whose family members can no longer care for them.

Nordin said there are no special precautions that need to be taken, but in the beginning of each site there will be an instruction on safety.

The goal of the project is to explain the different realities others may have to go through once students have a chance to meet those who are less fortunate, Nordin said.

"It's a great opportunity to open your eyes to different conditions in life," Nordin said.

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The Newman Catholic Center is sponsoring the Alternative Spring Break program again this year. Interested students can attend an informational meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Newman. For those who apply by Feb. 2, the cost is reduced to \$175.



# Health Education Resource Center relocates

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The Health Education Resource Center has changed locations from the Student Services Building to the Booth House located on Fourth Street on the west side of campus.

The HERC offers small group and community based preventive and health promotional services, such as sexual health, nutrition, sexual violence and more.

Eric Davidson, the associate director of the HERC, said the move came during the first week of fall semester because of the university increasing its compliance with the American with Disabilities Act through a construction project, which will eventually place an elevator in the Student Services Building.

“During the (elevator construction), a significant portion of our offices and services would have required relocation to accommodate for construction needs,” Davidson said. “Once completed, the elevator would have created a substantial loss of our office space, requiring our offices and services to remain at the spaces in which we would be relocated to during the construction.”

Because the construction would divide the HERC’s services between two locations, which would interfere with the office’s ability to serve students, the staff moved to another building, Davidson said.

Davidson said the Student Services Building was originally a temporary location for the HERC when it was first housed there in 1999. The office looked for different locations.

He said the office was hopeful when the planning for the Health Services Building began, but because of funding issues the two could not co-habitat.

“Early in the process, we had asked about the Booth House, and were told that plans were to demolish the building,” Davidson said.

The university had to do some renovating on the Booth House because it was not occupied



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The Health Education Resource Center moved from the Student Services Building to the Booth House during the beginning of the fall semester because of elevator construction in the Student Services Building.

after the Honors College moved.

There have also been comments on the new siding of the building, which was a result of a health and safety issue. The plaster on the building was beginning to peel, increasing exposure to asbestos, so the siding was a way of containment, Davidson said.

Some of the advantages to relocating to the

Booth House are the adequate amounts of space for one-on-one services, which would require privacy and confidentiality, as well as better space configurations to proctor internships and other service-related opportunities, Davidson said.

“My understanding is that the work done prior to our occupation should allow the Booth

House to remain functional for an additional 20 years. At this time, we’re being told to expect a long stay in the Booth House and that it will serve as a permanent location,” Davidson said.

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# English professor to discuss abortion concepts

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An Eastern professor will give a lecture on the concept of abortion and her experience on the subject at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Lecture Hall in Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Jeannie Ludlow, associate professor of English, said she learned an important lesson when working at an abortion clinic as a provider, and used her lesson as a topic of study.

“Pro-life and pro-choice are not real. People’s real lives, that’s real,” Ludlow said.

She said while she worked at the clinic, she learned pro-abortion rights and feminism did not have much to do with the lives of the patients she worked with.

The topic of her lecture does not have much agreement with the American public and across the political spectrum about what to do about unwanted pregnancy, and other abortion matters, Charles Wharram, head of EIU Center for the Humanities said.

A faculty lecture is provided every year by a committee within the humanities de-



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English professor Jeannie Ludlow will speak about her experiences with abortion at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Doudna Fine Arts Center.

partment, as a form of honor.

A number of people who either applied, or who were nominated by faculty are chosen, said Wharram.

This year, Ludlow was chosen.

“It’s a way for us to showcase the kinds of scholarship people do around the college, to

allow them to present their work in a public forum, and for the students, community and faculty to hear what’s going on,” he said.

Ludlow said her topic on abortion is based on the post-choice decade in the United States. She will also provide background on her studies in literature.

“What I’m arguing is that pro-life and pro-choice are really ridiculous,” Ludlow said. “They are these ridiculous extremes, and most people don’t live in those extremes.”

She added between 1992 and 2004, the U.S. was in a time where people part of the Abortion Advocacy Movement, considered themselves pro-abortion rights. It was around this time people’s thoughts on abortion started to change.

“The way it is changing is that it is becoming less about pro-choice and more about people’s real life experiences,” Ludlow said.

During that time period, she wrote about working as an abortion clinic provider.

Ludlow explained how no one she met who came for an abortion was pro-abortion rights.

“No one ever said to me ‘Oh I’m here to have an abortion today because I’m pro-choice.’ Lots of people said ‘I’m pro-life and I’m having an abortion today’ or ‘I believe this is murder and this is what I’m going to do’ or ‘I believe I am going to hell and this is what I need to do anyway,’” she said.

Ludlow added believing you are going to Hell for getting an abortion and doing it anyway is big and not something to be brushed off.

Her experience is what got her to think pro-life and pro-abortion rights have nothing to do with the way people determine the decisions they make about having families.

Ludlow said in her work, she is trying to show there is another “space” that is real, which has more to do with the real life experiences people go through.

She said this is how people should perceive abortion, rather than through pro-life and pro-abortion rights.

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Recovering lost social media pages

In the midst of a five-hour-long web-surfing session, you find yourself increasingly curious and nostalgic—wondering whatever happened to that first Facebook page you created or your old MySpace.

For whatever mysterious reason, there are instances when we feel a desperate desire to search for vestiges of our old selves. Earlier, I did call it nostalgia, but perhaps it is a form of self-loathing.

After stumbling upon my old MySpace page (which I so naively thought had been obliterated in some vast black hole beyond the Internet) I regrettably found a string of embarrassing, cringe-worthy photos, status updates and music playlists.

Horrificed, but too intrigued to look away from the angst-y mess of my high school years, I gathered the courage to keep scrolling and continued my torturous journey down memory lane.

I flitted through pictures that depicted a long-winded story of wildly confused teenagers with skyrocketing hormones stuck in a bumbling, awkward limbo—a time when parents and teachers told us we were too old for 25-cent-stick-on tattoos and binge-watching ‘Spongebob Squarepants’ but too immature to watch the entirety of an R-rated film during class.

I was immersed in a time where finding the perfect background theme for my MySpace page and rewriting and rewriting and rewriting my biography was not only the highlight of my day, but a determined quest to find myself. It was a time where we pined after or avoided cliques like the plague.

It was a time when we became utterly disheartened when one of our desired top five candidates on our page rejected the illustrious position of No. 1.

While the filters and captions in our photos have become more elaborate and the soundtrack to our lives went from a Screamo band to Hip-Hop or Indie group, I have noticed not a single change in our status updates.

We still feel inclined to document every dreadfully mundane and unimportant occurrence of our day—as though you attending your dentist appointment or ordering from Jimmy John’s is supposed to help me get through my day. One particular line from the haunting Madison Montgomery monologue from the hot and twisted show “American Horror Story” is what resonates with me when thinking about the plethora of pointless statuses on my feed: “Social media allows us to post when we fart or have a sandwich for all the world to see.”

And now with Snapchat we have even further access to the 300 insignificant seconds of our friends’ lives and of strangers. But who needs hours of searching for long lost pages of our petty teenage existence when we now have the trending app Timehop?

The title of the app speaks for itself. You get to hop through moments in time that go back as far as four years. Let your MySpace page finally expire and cheers to happy time traveling through this remarkably entertaining and eerie app!

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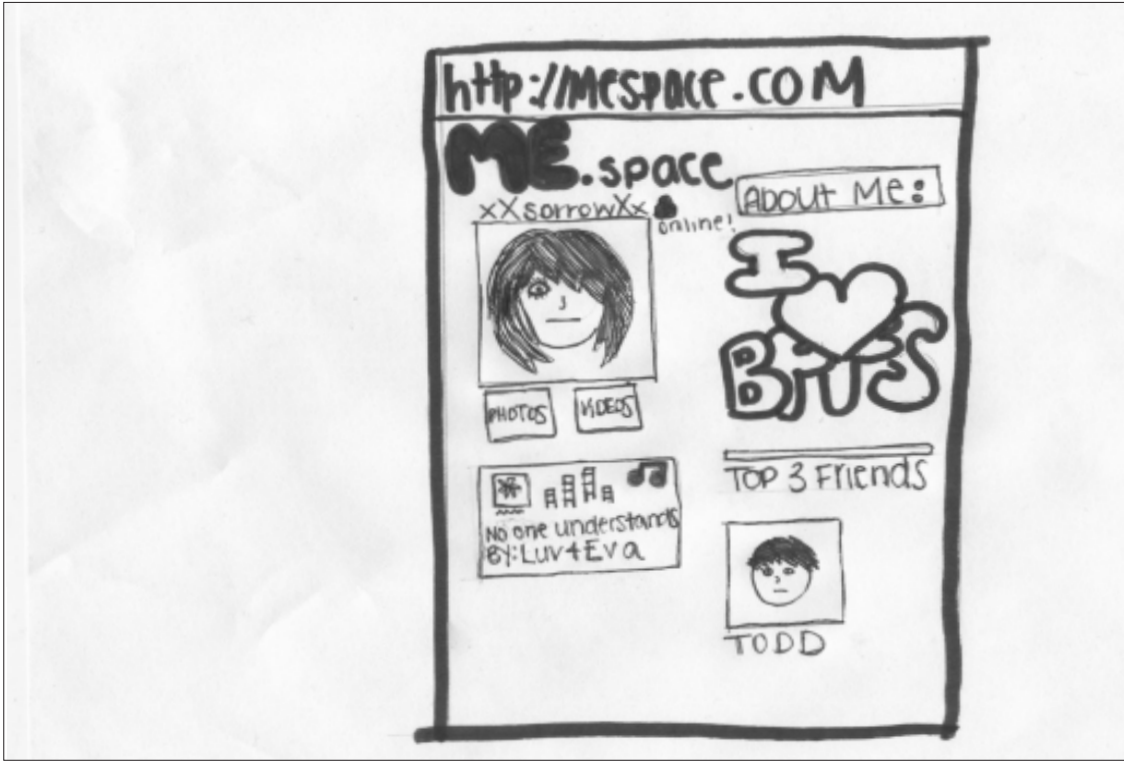
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Athletic budget glossed over at CUPB meeting

On January 16, the Council on University Planning and Budgeting only briefly mentioned the athletic department’s budget.

Among the 200 revenue-generating ideas reviewed, which are supposed to help universities develop plans to address their individual problems, issues involving the athletic department’s budget only happened to briefly be a part of their discussion.

It appears that the athletic department’s distresses were merely glossed over in the midst of a seemingly poorly-planned discussion, which should have at least consisted of an open discussion about potential avenues.

To begin with, we have not yet been provided with any clear ideas or possible solutions that would placate worry among staff and students.

The vagueness and brevity of the dis-

cussions described only create further confusion and raise more questions rather than answering them.

Without the information we are entitled to, it often times becomes difficult for the public to form opinions and to contribute ideas—we become silenced.

So far, we have received news about the lengthy list of potential problem-solvers and decision-making processes.

While reading the statements of the chair of the council and university treasurer released on Monday, we realize that there is an uncertainty that affects the credibility of the council.

Such unclear statements provided often display a lack of structure and confidence, which can and will lessen the faith and trust in the CUPB.

Only in looking at the agenda and list of said revenue-generating ideas would we be able to grasp a definitive set of goals.

However, not all of us have access to documents that show substantial support to their objectives indistinctly released to the public.

Instead of receiving much-awaited answers, we were presented with coordinators who offered unsure responses about not knowing what group of ideas to tackle first.

If the CUPB allows the public to glance at richer objectives they have in mind and briefly state the importance each department deserves, like the athletic department’s budget, then we gain the privilege of either supporting or disagreeing with their agenda.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

What we can learn from Bill Cosby rape allegations

When Bill Cosby jokingly told a woman in the audience at an Ontario show to watch what she drinks around him, the crowd rewarded him with a laughter that cheapened the reports of 24 women who have accused the comedian of assaulting them.

A scene at Cosby’s show in Denver on Monday perfectly illustrated the public’s reactions to the accusations: as he received a standing ovation indoors, a swarm of protestors huddled outside the venue in an outrage to the allegations that have surfaced about the comedian in the last decade.

Whether or not Cosby is guilty of any of these offenses, the public’s reaction to these allegations facilitates a conversation that our culture desperately needs to have.

Who is falsely reporting sexual assault?

According to research performed by the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women, only an estimated 2 to 8 percent of reports are false.

The conflict for some, however, lies in their definition of what constitutes “real rape.”

Attackers are not always hiding in bushes and dark alleyways, waiting patiently with knives.

They live next door, upstairs, down the street, down the hall. They can sleep on futons, or in mansions, or on the other side of the bed. In fact, the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) found that 38 percent of rapists are a friend or acquaintance of the victim and 28 percent identify as an intimate.



Katie Smith

These crimes generally aren’t taking place in alleys either; with four in ten incidents of sexual violence take place in the victim’s home.

When it comes to weaponry it doesn’t take a handgun or duct tape to commit assault. Alcohol, drugs, coercion and fear are equally as powerful tools.

Men and women are assaulted every day. That sentence reads as so benign on paper. It has become a fact of life we begrudgingly accept by imagining it as something that happens somewhere far away in a place that is always covered by shadows.

Rape is a word that teenagers feel comfortable using colloquially as meaning, “to defeat” or succeed.

When Bill Cosby jokingly told an audience member she needed to be careful drinking around him, the audience laughed.

I really believe what the audience did was offer Cosby a nervous gesture – something that meant,

‘that didn’t feel right, but where do we go from here?’ – a reaction people default to all the time.

What that kind of nervous reaction says to attackers is “I have a group of people who believe and support me,” while it can leave victims feeling resource-less.

When allegations like these come out, I am continually astounded at how quickly people will defend the accused and question or blame the accuser.

What is it that makes it easier for some to dismiss more than 20 detailed reports for the word of one person who is openly unwilling to say anything at all?

Sexual assault is a serious crime and reports of it warrant investigation.

An even more serious crime, in my opinion, is rejecting the statements of individuals who are asking for help, without giving them serious consideration.

2 to 8 percent of reports of sexual abuse may be false, but 98 percent of attackers will never spend a day in prison.

Furthermore, 68 percent of assaults in the last five years were not even reported, perhaps partially out of fear, or embarrassment, or confusion – perhaps because when someone accused of sexual abuse jokes about rape on stage, the audience laughs.

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# Education, foreign policy explored in ‘State of the Union’

By **Stephanie Markham**  
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In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, President Barack Obama announced his plans to make community college free, reduce student loan debt and lower taxes for working families, among other initiatives.

Much of Obama’s address focused on using “middle-class economics” in the budget he will propose to Congress in two weeks, which he said would lower the costs of childcare, college, health care, homes and retirement.

Specifically, Obama said he plans to cut taxes up to \$3,000 per child each year for middle-class and low-income families.

He also brought up issues he would like Congress to act upon, such as strengthening workers’ unions, raising the minimum wage, paying women at an equal rate to men, and granting workers paid maternity leave and paid sick leave.

On the topic of education, Obama said he will send Congress a plan to make community college free for students who can maintain their grades and graduate on time, citing 40 percent of college students choose community college, and two out of three jobs will require higher education by the end of the decade.

He also said he wants to work with Congress to allow for reductions on monthly student loan payments.

On foreign policy, Obama asked Congress to authorize the

use of force against ISIL, noting the U.S. is supporting opposition in Syria with the idea being to lead a coalition rather than enter another war.

Likewise, he said he has prohibited torture, constrained the use of drones, and worked to cut the population of the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in half.

He also encouraged Congress to end the trade embargo with Cuba that has been in effect for 50 years.

Obama also acknowledged climate change as the greatest threat to future generations and said the U.S. would double its rate of reducing carbon emissions, setting the example for other counties.

Additional topics included the need for a new infrastructure for exporting products and adjusting trade deals in Asia and Europe, which the president said would create more jobs and help the country compete with China.

Obama added companies that invest in the U.S. should be rewarded, and tax loopholes for the wealthy should be eliminated.

Obama mentioned Internet security many times as well, as he will be proposing legislation that would give the government more access to information to protect companies and others against cyber-threats.

The full text of Obama’s address is available online at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).

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Morgan Murray, a sophomore journalism major, called the police after she saw a man standing, screaming obscenities at the northeast Ninth Street entrance, and she noticed the windows had been broken in.

Murray said she was walking home with her friend around 2 a.m. on the ninth street sidewalk and saw him yelling “vulgar words.”

“I saw the guy yelling, screaming and going crazy,” Murray said. “I thought ‘something is going on. I should probably walk faster and try to avoid it.’ Then me and my friend realized that the window was broken.”

After creating some distance between themselves and the man, Murray said she called and officers responded within 30 seconds.

“We just ran home because we were scared, and he was going crazy,” she added.

Murray also mentioned the man she saw did not have anything in his hands when she saw him outside the door.

More information regarding the charges and the break-in will be provided when made available.

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Robert Martin, a 20-year-old Downers Grove resident, was arrested and charged with four criminal offenses in connection with the break-in.

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“It is important for students to attend because the person who will take control of the university will (dictate) the direction of where the university will go from here,” Thedford said.

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“This is pretty difficult to keep track of because when the census occurs, we change the number of liquor licenses,” Rennels said.

A state statute states City Council has the authority to determine the number, the kind and the class of licenses by ordinance and resolution.

This will give City Council the authority to decrease or increase the number of liquor licenses whenever they desire.

The next city council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave.

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# Division I transfers make their mark at Eastern

By **Blake Nash**  
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In the world of college basketball, approximately 500 basketball players transfer to different Division I programs each year, which is the highest level of play in the sport.

For Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour three players have transferred from Division I schools, while another transferred from a junior college, after a stint at a Division I university.

These four include Chris Olivier, Reggie Smith and Luke and Mat Piotrowski.

Each player possessed a unique set of skills, which got them to the Division I level, but Spoonhour said besides hard work on the court, he wants his players to act well off of it.

“I want players who play hard, but how they act is even more important,” Spoonhour said. “I also like to enjoy the guys around me.”

Senior guard Reggie Smith first came into contact with Spoonhour when he felt he wanted to transfer from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

UNLV assistant coach Dave Rice knew Spoonhour had taken the job at Eastern the previous season and made contact with him. He was not the only coach to contact Spoonhour about Smith.

“I knew one of the assistant coaches at Eastern, Emanuel Dildy, and with him being connected to coach Spoonhour, it made that decision easier,” Smith said.

Dildy transferred to Eastern as a player, after playing for two years at New Mexico State. He also served as the head coach at Kennedy-King College in Chicago. He now serves as an assistant coach at Loyola-Chicago.

Smith’s visit took place during the summer when campus was empty and remembers quite fondly of the meeting between he and Spoonhour during his visit.

“Coach talked about what my future would hold for me from the time I arrived to the time I left Eastern,” Smith said. “He was honest and let me and my family talk during the meeting. I felt then that it would be the right direction.”

The connections didn’t stop there for Spoonhour. When he was the head coach and athletic director at Moberly Area Community College in Missouri, he coached against one of his future players, Chris Olivier.

“I remember coaching against Olivier when he was at Quakerdale Prep School in Iowa,” Spoonhour said. “From there he went to Northern Iowa, where he only played one game, and decided to come to Eastern to play for me.”

Olivier has been the leading scorer for the Panthers this season, averaging nearly 12 points and six rebounds



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Senior center Mat Piotrowski and junior center Luke Piotrowski both transferred to Eastern from Division 1 programs. Mat previously played at Boston University then Southwestern Illinois College and Luke transferred from Richmond.

per game, including a season-high 22 points in a win over Tennessee Tech for the Panthers’ OVC opener.

In Spoonhour’s three years of coaching at Eastern, he’s already created a family atmosphere, according to Smith.

“He keeps us motivated every day, and has shown us that becoming a family helps overcome adversity,” Smith said.

would become the first to meet Spoonhour, when he transferred to Southwestern Illinois College in 2010, after two seasons at Boston.

“Coach came to a few practices and said he was interested in me coming to Eastern,” Mat said. “I heard good things about him, and so I decided to check it out.”

Mat remembers his father Tom, a

and my dad helped me a lot in the transfer process.”

However, Spoonhour said he did not know about Luke when he was recruiting his brother but was able to recruit him the next spring.

Luke, a 6-foot-11 forward, heard from his brother the previous summer about Eastern and believed that Spoonhour was a coach he would

Luke talked to Spoonhour over the phone and became excited about playing with his brother again, for the first time since high school.

“I had the chance to earn playing time and play on the same team with my brother again,” Luke said. “It seemed like a place I’d be happy at.”

Luke had only played in six games at Richmond University in Virginia through his sophomore year, and his head coach was not sure how much playing time he would get for his junior year.

“There were a few older guys ahead of me, and it became clear that if I wanted more minutes I should transfer,” Luke said said.

Being a 6-foot-11 forward, Piotrowski was a college recruiter’s dream, but Spoonhour said playing hard is more important than size.

“Size has never really mattered to me,” Spoonhour said. “My players just need to play hard and make a good effort because you don’t do well without good effort.”

The Panthers will be in-action on Thursday against Murray State at Lantz Arena.

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## DIVISION 1 TRANSFERS

**CHRIS OLIVIER**  
JUNIOR FORWARD  
FROM NORTHERN IOWA

**MAT PIOTROWSKI**  
SENIOR CENTER  
FROM SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

**LUKE PIOTROWSKI**  
JUNIOR FORWARD  
FROM RICHMOND

**REGGIE SMITH**  
SENIOR GUARD  
FROM UNLV

That statement rings true for the next two players, Mat and Luke Piotrowski, who began their collegiate careers at Boston University and Richmond, respectively.

However, Mat, a 7-foot-2 forward,

former NBA player, playing a big part in his transfer process.

“My meetings with coach were normally just short talks in the gym or another office,” Mat said. “He talked to my dad a lot because we’re very close

want to play for.

“Mat had been there for the summer, so he was familiar with the coaches and campus already,” Luke said. “I just kind of trusted him that I would like it.”

# Panthers set school record with 9th straight win

By **Jehad Abbed**  
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The Eastern men’s basketball team defeated Morehead State Saturday for its school record setting ninth straight win.

The Panthers (12-6) have already improved their record over last year. They have 11 regular season games left on the schedule. Eastern finished their 2013-2014 season with a total of 11 wins.

Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said he does not want to downplay what his team has done this season.

“This is what we wanted,” Spoonhour said.

Ten of the Panthers’ remaining 11 games are against Ohio Valley

Conference opponents. Their only non-conference game they have yet to play is against Baker University on Feb. 3.

Eastern is now 6-0 in OVC play this season. After their strong start in conference play and current winning streak, the Panthers are now ranked No. 23 in the mid-major top-25 poll.

Spoonhour attributed much of the team’s success to the growth and maturity of his players.

“We’ve got guys that feel like they’re going to win,” he said.

The Panthers’ upcoming game is Thursday against mid-major top-25 No. 8 ranked Murray State University.

Spoonhour said his team is right

where they wanted to be and how they have worked hard to get there.

“The guys are excited about it,” he said. “They have earned the right to have a big game.”

In the past three weeks, Eastern has held a spot in OVC Players of the Week twice.

Two weeks ago, junior forward Chris Olivier was given the award. This week, freshman guard Cornell Johnston was named the recipient of the Player of the Week award as well as OVC Freshman of the Week.

The starting point guard is scoring 7.8 points and recording a team best 4.2 points per game. Johnston averages the sixth most assists in the OVC.

He also sits at fifth best in the conference for 3-point field goal percentage on 45 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

Eastern’s win streak is heavily influenced by the team’s ability to hold opposing offenses to low shooting percentages and low scores each game.

The Panthers are the top conference team in points allowed with just 60.2 points per game. They are also the overall leaders in the OVC in field goal percentage defense holding teams to just 39 percent shooting on the season.

While the panthers are the best defensive team in the conference, they are scoring just one more point per game than they are al-

lowing.

Spoonhour said statistics keepers who like Sabermetrics would have a tough time realizing why the Panthers continue to win.

While having one of the lowest scoring offenses, the Panthers are also one of the worst rebounding and free throw shooting teams in the conference.

Despite the obvious troubles in some aspects, Eastern is still coming away with victories and walking through the conference in aggressive fashion.

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# Freshman swimmer makes strides

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*Editor's note: This is the second installment of "Top Cat," which The Daily Eastern News Sports Staff will be picking an athlete each week who stood out from his or her sport from the previous week.*

Amy Smith was the only Eastern women's swimmer to get a first-place finish on Friday in the Western Illinois Double-Dual this past weekend.

Her performance has earned her "Top Cat" named by *The Daily Eastern News* Sports Staff.

On Saturday, Smith noticed her best 100-yard backstroke was better than the pool record. Her goal for that race was to go in and beat it, which she did with a time of 59.52.

Smith got into swimming when she was about seven years old when her mom put her in swim lessons and eventually got bumped up to lap lanes.

"I just fell in love with the water and never wanted to get out," Smith said.

Once her parents realized she loved swimming so much, they put her on a club team.

Even though her parents were the ones who got her to start swimming, she said she was the one who wanted to keep going with it.

When she was younger, she was also involved in other sports but soon realized swimming was her number one sport, and it was going to be the sport she would give the most attention to.

Smith looked back on all the help she got from one of her first coaches, who also became her high school coach, Jacob Ayers, at Wheaton Warrenville South High School in Wheaton, Ill.

"He was definitely one of the most influential coaches," Smith said.

She added Ayers was the one who kept her swimming throughout high school and to not give up on it.

Smith hit a bump in the road during her high school career when she tore a ligament in her foot during her senior year in October playing a dodgeball game for homecoming week.

She had to have surgery twice and was almost out of swimming for nine months.

She also had to be in therapy for



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Amy Smith gets into the starting position to swim backstroke. Smith swam a personal best on Saturday at Western Illinois University, and she took first place in that event with a time of 59.52.

## TOP CAT



AMY SMITH  
FRESHMAN  
FREESTYLE/BACKSTROKE

25 weeks, and she is still continuing to do so.

"I still have rehab exercises that I do when I can to continue to strengthen my ankle and calf," Smith said. "Luckily, it only bothers me when I run and never in the water."

While in high school, Smith used to run track and had a tough time deciding whether to continue with swimming or go off and run track.

For swimming, she did show interest in University of Wisconsin-La-Crosse, and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point but never applied to either school.

The only school Smith applied to was Eastern.

"I just fell in love with the campus and the small fit, and I really liked the team and the team atmosphere," Smith said.

While also deciding schools, Smith met with the Biology department here at Eastern to help make her choice eas-

ier as she is now majoring in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Former swim coach Elliot McGill was the one that recruited Smith, but first-year head coach Jacqueline Michalski has helped Smith since they both arrived at Eastern.

"We've done a lot of work on her freestyle technique and her backstroke technique," Michalski said. "She has

always been a hard worker."

So far this season, Smith has proven to be a hard worker since she came to Eastern as she started to get lifetime bests in her races.

When she practices, Smith said she just tries to have fun and not get in her head so much, but focuses on making good strokes so she can carry that over to meets.

"In meets I just try to clear my head and go out and have fun and not really think about anything, because I tend to get in my head," Smith said.

Smith's favorite race to swim in now is the 200-yard backstroke, but she competes in the 100-yard backstroke and sometimes in the freestyle.

Coming into college her favorite race to swim in was the 50-meter freestyle, and she qualified for state her junior year in that race.

"No one really thought that I could make state, I wasn't even sure if I could make it because it had to be a really

big time drop," she said.

To prepare for meets she goes back to what she would do in track. She will jog in place, or do track skips to warm up.

"Everyone thinks I look really weird," she joked.

Another thing different from other swimmers is that Smith hates being wet before she dives into the pool.

"I have to be completely dry and wipe off my cap, and wipe off my goggles and make sure everything is dry," she said.

Unlike most non-swimmers, Smith really likes the shock from the cold water when she gets in. She said it gets her going.

Smith and the rest of the Panthers will be taking on Valparaiso this Saturday in Valparaiso, Ind.

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# Panthers head back on the road to Tennessee-Martin

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The Eastern women's basketball team will be wrapping up its three-game road trip on Wednesday when they take on Tennessee-Martin in Martin, Tenn.

The Panthers won their first conference game of the season on the road in Eastern Kentucky last Thursday, but lost their Saturday game at Morehead State.

Eastern is currently 7-12 overall and 4-2 in the OVC and sits in 5th place in the conference.

UT Martin sits atop the OVC standings with a 5-0 record in the conference and are 9-9 overall on the season.

Skyhawks' forward Ashia Jones was named OVC Player of the Week for the second straight week.

She notched her third 30-point outing of the season, along with



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Senior forward Sabina Oroszova prepares to make a basket at the Eastern women's basketball game against the University of Nebraska-Omaha on Dec. 5, 2014.

her eighth career double-double against Jacksonville State. She leads the conference in scoring at 21.1

points per game and ranks 16th in the country.

Eastern forward Sabina Oroszo-

va said the game plan is to "pretty much" stop Jones, which has been a tough task for teams this season.

On the other hand, Oroszova is averaging 15.8 points per game this season after she posted her third 24-point outing of the season on Saturday in the loss to Morehead State.

She said despite the Skyhawks beating teams by an average of 17.8 points per game in conference, they are not unbeatable.

"UT Martin has been a big challenge for us for many years," she said. "They are always beatable. We are taking this challenge seriously, and if we play our basketball and execute well we can win. We will have to stop their very good post players and also good 3-point shooters."

Freshman Grace Lennox said she is going to play the game against UT Martin like its just any

regular game.

"As far as I am concerned, every game is the same for me," she said. "I play every game as if we are playing the best team in the league. It's always rewarding to beat a rival, but to me, they're all rivals."

In the loss against Morehead State, the Panthers got off to a slow start and fell behind early.

Lennox said getting off to a start in this game would be very helpful.

"It is always difficult to fight back from behind and especially against a team that is 5-0 in the conference," she said. "They're playing with confidence. Therefore, getting off to a solid start will be very beneficial to us."

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